

On behalf of the City of Whitewater and its Community Development Authority, I want to first offer my thanks and gratitude to Chancellor Telfer for his leadership and vision in making this tremendous new facility a reality. Our partnership and journey with the University on this venture and the development of the Whitewater University Technology Park has truly been an incredible one and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts well into the future...this Innovation Center is really only the start of what I believe are many good things to come.

I have the great honor and pleasure to thank all the wonderful people who have worked on the design and construction of this building:

I want to start with the initial feasibility study for the Technology Park and Innovation Center that was completed by Dr. David Ward of Northstar Economics and Jason Valerius of MSA Professional Services. Mark Bugher and Greg Hyer of the University Research Park in Madison were also extremely helpful in helping us develop the organization and governance of the Park and Center.

The architectural team from **Eppstein Uhen** (*epp-stine, you-en*) has been truly an inspirational and highly creative group to work with...

Steve Holzhauer – Principal in Charge

Cliff Goodhart – Project Manager

Paul Raisleger – Lead Design Architect

Jackie Posselt – Interior Designer

Tina Pier – LEED Administrator

Jon Molkentin – Project Architect

Erica Marty – Project Assistant

Affiliated Engineers

Scott Easton – Project Manager (Designed the Geothermal and PV Systems)

Pierce Engineers

Carl Fink – Structural Engineer

Ken Saiki Design

Abbie Molien – Landscape Architect

Vierbicher & Assoc.

Tom Veith – Civil Engineer

When you bid public projects and need to necessarily award contracts to the lowest bidder, sometimes you don't always get the best team you might want to assemble but we were very fortunate to have a great team of prime contractors on this building.

From our General Contractor **JP Cullen**, we worked with many talented and skilled individuals led by **Mark Cullen**, **Dan Swanson** and **Scott Lewellin** but I want to give particular credit and kudos to Project Manager **Neal Day** and Field Supt. **Mike Kemp**. Neal and Mike are particularly passionate about their jobs and I can't personally thank them enough for their dedication and persistence they demonstrated day in and day out completing this construction on time and well within budget.

Our HVAC Contractor **North American Mechanical** was great to work with...the geothermal heating and cooling was a bit challenging but NAMI really built a great system for us. Special thanks to **Dan Davis** and Project Superintendent **Doug Hanousek** for their good work for us!

Rewald Electric was our electrical contractor and many thanks to **Chuck Meisner** and **Don Kautz** and their crew for their work.

Craig DeGarmo and **Nate Gestrich** were great to work with from DeGarmo Plumbing. On the plumbing side, I also need to thank the **UW-Whitewater American Marketing Association (AMA)** students who donated their first prize (\$10,000 worth of Kohler high efficiency fixtures) in the 2010 National AMA Water Conservation Marketing contest (beating by the way the second place team from the Wharton School at Penn...very impressive!).

Also thanks to Freedom Fire Protection and their team leaders **Larry Hanson and John Becker**.

Last but certainly not least I want to thank all those from the city staff that contributed to the project: **Mary Nimm** (CDA Coordinator); **Dean Fischer, Aaron Thomson and Chuck Nass** (Public Works); **Bruce Parker** (Neighborhood Services); **Doug Saubert and Connie De Kemper** (Finance); **City Attorney Wally McDonell, Matt Amundson** (Park and Recreation) and City Engineer **Mark Fisher** of Strand and Associates.

Before I introduce our next speaker, I just want to close by reciting from my favorite quote that we have in this building (as our owners rep that was one of the few things that I got to decide so if you like the quotes but if you don't you can blame Dr. Chenoweth because he suggested some of them ...) it's from Gen. George S. Patton....

“If everyone is thinking alike then someone is not thinking!”

I truly believe that it is because we have so many people who do not think alike that we have been successful in building this Whitewater Innovation Center and by continuing to honor and respect that difference in thinking that we will continue to be successful. Truly none of us have been as important as all of us on this project.

Now it is my great privilege to introduce Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce Secretary **Paul Jadin**.

On December 30, 2010, Governor Scott Walker appointed Paul Jadin to lead the Department of Commerce and accomplish the transition to the public-private Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. He will serve as its CEO on the establishment of the corporation on July 1, 2011.

From 2003 until his appointment to lead the WEDC, Paul Jadin was president and CEO of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. He directly oversaw economic development, government affairs, member services and education functions. From 1995-2003, Jadin served two terms as Mayor of Green Bay, directly supervising all departments and managing a workforce of 950. He led

economic development efforts that yielded a 50-percent increase in the tax base over his two terms in office. I was city manager in nearby De Pere when Jadin was Mayor and I know he lured some of our best management talent to work for him so I know he is pretty savvy but I really believe he is uniquely qualified to lead our State's economic development efforts and I know that he will do tremendously well in that role.

Mr. Jadin earned a B.A. in Political Science from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, and an MS in Public Administration from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Please join me in welcoming Secretary Jadin !